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While on the subject of supply, there have been several apparently well informed individuals assigned to and passing through [redacted] who maintain that an amalgamation of Communications Supply into the organizational supply complex is contemplated, if not imminent. We must assume that such a move would or could have ramifications in our T/O, among some of our personnel, and certainly in reference to our established channels of communications on supply problems. Probably it is too early for the H.O. to make any prognostications on these or other ramifications of the proposed amalgamation, but if not we would appreciate any information available on the subject to condition our thinking. Knowing as little as we do about the situation, it is difficult to form an opinion when individuals presumably better informed than we announce that certain changes will be inevitable under the "new set-up." Your opinion as to whether, when, and under what conditions such a change will take place would be invaluable to us in our daily liaison on supply problems. 25X1A6a

Gal note Ph. On 9 October the [redacted] signal center closed permanently, the equipment returned to stock, and the personnel deployed to other duty stations. It might be said in passing that the station was a model communications support activity. When the station required a signal center, a building was built, personnel were sent from the H.O., housing was found, transportation provided. The signal center operated without incident until the station notified [redacted] that on 9 October the requirement would no longer exist. The station was deactivated on schedule. 25X1A6b

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Negotiations have been initiated with [redacted] contractors to determine the cost and time estimates relative to the construction of four 3-bedroom dependent houses on property adjacent to the [redacted] Air Force base. The investigation is being conducted in coordination with NAC Logistics, and a joint statement of recommendations will be forwarded for H.O. approval and action at the earliest possible date. Indications are that it will be the most economical venture of its type in the Far East and everyone familiar with Miho and its environs will recognize the necessity of the program. 25X1A6a

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Arising from what is probably a variety of reasons (i.e. the wait-and-see atmosphere surrounding the new China Command set up, ban on overflights, seasonal decline, unsettled conditions in [REDACTED] etc.), there has been a definite lull developing in the field of new operations requiring communications support. We are assuming that it is the quiet before the storm, and are attempting to take advantage of it by opening a concerted campaign on the long range and true staff activities which normally must take a back seat to pressing operational problems. Among the projects we hope to advance or complete during this period are the [REDACTED] Standing Operating Instructions, simulation studies, storage space for strategic stockpiles, and the [REDACTED] movie. A great deal of work is also being done on the design of the signal center area of the new buildings being erected for [REDACTED]. For many months we have experimented in the mounting and placement of crypto machines, log desk, pad room equipment and other signal center equipment, in the attempt to find the most efficient arrangement possible which retains the highest security standards and maintenance availability. The results of this experimentation have been gratifying and it is our belief that the new signal center will be a model layout.

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The move of [REDACTED] based agent circuits into [REDACTED] is described in the Operations section of this report. Interesting is the fact that in most cases the readability of both the base and the agent increased appreciably. Also there is no evidence that contact failure has resulted from the change. [REDACTED] continues to act as monitor on the transferred plans.

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[REDACTED] assumed his duties as Chief of Commo Station, [REDACTED] during the report period. [REDACTED] interim Chief of Station, conducted the station's activities with the quiet excellence we have come to expect from any of his assigned duties.

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The radio monitors completed their survey of [REDACTED] radio operations during the report period. While we have no particular comments to make on the recent inspection, the value of such inspections has been so obvious we are looking forward to the day when it will be possible to assign personnel within the theater as permanent radio monitors to conduct a continuous survey of all stations. The success of such a program would depend on the availability of personnel as highly qualified as the present roving monitors, of course, and this would be the most serious obstacle.

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As reported previously, all supply and radio maintenance personnel have transferred to [REDACTED]. The new JTAG BOQ is nearly completed and will billet our entire [REDACTED] complement. Supply correspondence is routed through the office of the Chief, [REDACTED] exactly as though the unit were still located in [REDACTED]. Cables to field stations on supply matters are Cite: [REDACTED] and cables coming in are still addressed to [REDACTED]. A daily courier service is employed to move correspondence between Chief, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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The program of agent contact analysis is very time consuming. Each contact analysis requires an average of approximately 3 hours which means a total of 150 hours for each month. Needless to say, [REDACTED] Security with it's two permanently assigned persons does not have time to devote to this type project. [REDACTED] Signal Center has cooperated and supplied the persons to help in writing the information into the analysis charts.

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During September, information concerning each [REDACTED] station's crypto links, crypto cover, type systems, crypto format procedure, and assigned system indicators was compiled for submission to Headquarters. These were forwarded 21 October. Information was current as of 1 October 1953 and should give Headquarters a complete and accurate file on [REDACTED] crypto links. This also was a time consuming project which required approximately 80 man-hours to complete.

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ANNEX VIII. Supply

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1. During September the Material Support Section of [REDACTED] moved into the new warehouse at [REDACTED]. A complete inventory is being prepared and copies will be forwarded to headquarters when completed. The section will function as if physically located at [REDACTED] utilizing a pouch system for cables, dispatches and administrative memorandums. It is anticipated that a closer check can be maintained on our shipments to the various field stations by our being located at the principal shipping station.

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2. A conference was held between the Chief of Logistics, NAC, the Deputy Chief, [REDACTED] Material Officer at [REDACTED] relative to storage space at [REDACTED] for emergency equipment storage under humidity controlled conditions. The Logistics Section of NAC will inform us as to cost estimates as soon as practicable.

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3. Pictures of the new warehouse have been taken and will be forwarded with the next monthly report together with a description of storage methods and conditions.

4. During the month of September the Material Support Section handled the following amount of communications equipment:

Received:	Total weight	15,626 lbs	total cube	992.7
Shipped :	Total weight	6,596 lbs	total cube	193.5

Shipment activity was slightly curtailed during our move to the new warehouse. All shipments were made thru normal KUBARK channels and by rail to [REDACTED]

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